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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 27th-March, through Sunday, 3rd-April there were 238 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4U1I, 4W, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9U, 9V, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FJ, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FW, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, H4, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HC8, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KH9, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ4, PJ5, PJ7, PY, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, S7, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TL, TR, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9C, VP2E, VP5, VP8, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, VU4, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK2, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

4W6, TIMOR-LESTE (Update/Press Release #2 - Callsign/Web Site Announced)

"The September 2011 Timor-Leste DXpedition has now received its callsign - 4W6A - from ARCOM, the licensing authority in Dili. The team is very grateful to ARCOM for issuing this special one-letter callsign for use on the DXpedition.

The DXpedition has a Web site, at

http://www.4w6a.com

which includes profiles of the team members, propagation predictions and lots of inform- ation about Timor-Leste and Atauro Island, the location of the DXpedition.

Unfortunately, Franck, VK8FNCY, has had to withdraw from the DXpedition due to health reasons. His place has been taken by Tim/M0URX and Ant/ MW0JZE. Oliver, MW0JRX, is now resident in Darwin and has recently received his Australian callsign, VK8DX. The other team members remain Stuart/VK8NSB, Steve/9M6DXX and John/9M6XRO. As the team now comprises of six operators, we have increased the number of stations from three to four.

The group is requesting donations from DX clubs and individuals who wish to help in order to cover the high cost of generator hire, fuel for the generators and the boat charter to and from the island. There is a "Donations" page on the 4W6A Web site. Payments may be made by credit or debit card (you do not need to have a PayPal account yourself in order to make a donation).

4W6A will be QRV from Atauro Island (IOTA OC-232), Timor-Leste (East Timor), from September 16-26th, 2011. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. The QSL manager is M0URX, direct (SAE plus 1 IRC/2 USDs), via the Bureau, or LoTW. The entire log will be uploaded to LoTW as soon as possible after the end of the operation or, if possible, even during the DXpedition. QSLs may also be requested using the QSL request form on the Web site.
73, Steve, 9M6DXX (4W6A Team Member)"

5M, LIBERIA

The I2YSB DXpedition team is now active as 5M2TT from Liberia until April 13th. The team consists of Silvano/I2YSB, Vinicio/IK2CIO, Angelo/IK2CKR, Marcello/IK2DIA and Stefano/IK2HKT. The pilot station will be Art/IK7JWY. The group plans to use 3 stations for the HF bands and one other for the 50 MHz band (w/beacon and cubical quad antenna). Activity will be on 80-6 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via I2YSB (A OQRS is available -- See Web page for details). An online log (provided by IH9GPI) is available at:

http://www.i2ysb.com/joomla5/index.php?option=com_wrapper&view=wrapper&Itemid=179

The official Web site is at:

http://www.i2ysb.com

Official forum (for any comment, suggestion or to contact the pilot) is available at:

http://www.hamradioweb.org/forums

The current QSO count as of April 3rd, at 1556z is: 12871 QSOs with 6245 unique callsigns (5317/SSB, 7327/CW and 227/RTTY).

9L, SIERRA LEONE (Update/Change - 9L5MS DXpedition)

The members of the Dutch 9L5MS DXpedition (and in close cooporation between the DAGOE Found- ation and Mercy Ships) sent out the following press release on March 26th:

> "There is a major change in the planning of the DXpedition. Here's the bottom-line.
>
> We expect that our first radio operations will start a couple of days later than expected. Hopefully during the weekend of April 2nd. Reason for this is that the container that carries our antenna's and other stuff that we need for the station (our food & water supplies and gen- erators), is still in the customs-process. We expect that the customs will not release the container until 4th of April! Last Thursday, March 24th, we evaluated the situation and the team decided to go for plan B.
>
> So what's plan B? Plan B is that on Friday, March 25th we redesigned a new minimal antenna-farm that we can take with us on the plane. We decided that we will take 3 fiberglass verticals that will bring us on the air on 40m-10m. Sorry, no verticals available for the low bands and no RX-antennas during the first phase. Still...food, water and electricity are a problem. We will have to figure this out when we are in Freetown on the hospital ship Africa Mercy next week. During that week we will also work on Mercy Ships projects as volunteers. As soon as the material arrives we will concentrate on the Low Bands, using beams and Receiving arrays.
>
> So we will be on the air from Sierra Leone soon, but the exact starting date is still unknown. We will inform you about our proceedings via our website, Twitter and the DX-cluster. Stay tuned!
> 73, 9L5MS - Sierra Leone DXpedition team."

ADDED NOTES/UPDATE: The 9L5MS team is on the air since April 2nd. They have limited antennas, power and Internet. As of 1200z, April 3rd, the first upload from the log was processed. For more details, updates and their log, visit their Web page at:

http://www.sierraleone2011.com/sl_2011/home.php

You can also follow the team on Twitter: **@DXpedition**

A5, BHUTAN (Op Cancelled!)

Hiromichi, JA1IFB, informs that operators Shigeo/JA1JQY (A52JY), Nakayama/JA1KJW (A52KJ) and Kunio/JA8VE (A52VE) have cancelled their operation from Thimphu between April 19-26th, due to the big earthquake and tsunami hitting the JA7 district on March 11th. Look for this operation to possibly be rescheduled.

B7, CHINA

A Chinese team of operators, along with some operators from Hong Kong, will activate B7P from Foshan City (WW. Grid OL63NA), nearby Guangzhou City, during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Multi-2 entry. Operators mentioned are Terry/BA7NQ (leader), JinQuan/BD7JC, Yang/ BD7IXG, Paul/BA7JS, BD7IBS, BD7KS, Wong/VR2KW, Nelson/VR2AAW and Lam/ VR2XZK. All QSLs will be sent via Bureau. For direct cards, please QSL via their manager BD7IXG.

CARIBBEAN GRIDS TO BE ACTIVATED ON THE BIRDS!

Bryan, KL7CN, will be active on a holiday style DXpedition on the FM satellites from various Caribbean locations this coming week starting Sunday, April 3rd. Bryan states that he will start at /KP4 from San Juan, and then operate /MM from as many grids as he can, followed by J6/ from St. Lucia, then as V25CN from Antigua, then as a very special FS/PJ7/ operation from the border monument on St. Martin, then /KP2 from St. Croix, and finally again as /KP4. If you are on the ASMAT-BB mailing list, Bryan states, "I will attempt to send a note at the beginning of each day indicating if, when, and how operation will occur."

CARIBBEAN TOUR

Operators Torsten/DL1THM and Anja/DH2AK will be active as ZF2TH and ZF2AT respectively, from Grand Cayman Island (NA-016, WLOTA LH-1042) between May 6-13th. Activity will be holiday style and mostly on 20 meters SSB. Most of the operation will be from the beach using a LiPo battery pack, IC-7000 and Buddipole. The two operators will also be active from **New Providence Island (NA-001)**, Bahamas, as DL1THM/C6A and DH2AK/C6A. QSL ZF2TH and DL1THM/C6A via DL1THM, by the Bureau or direct. QSL ZF2AT and DH2AK/C6A via DH2AK, by the Bureau or direct.

CR6, PORTUGAL (Special Event)

Members of the Algarve STAR DX Team will be on air as CR6A from "The Submerged Fortress" in the sea near Olhao city in the southern part of Portugal inside the CTFF-07 Natural Park, April 17th. This fortress is only accessible via boats and on very low tide. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW and SSB. Operators mentioned are Arlindo/CT1EGW, Jose/CT1EHX, Antonio/CT1GFK, Goncalo/CT1GPQ and Miguel/CT1IUA. All info and award references are available on:

http://algarvedx.com

PLEASE NOTE: This activity is possible only in very good weather con- ditions. If not, it will be delayed again.

CS2, PORTUGAL (Harley-Davidson Special Event)

Operators Nuno/CT2FPE, Joao/CT1EVE, Jose/CT1EUB and Virgilio/CT1ETX will be active once again as CS2HD between May 23-29th. Activity is to celebrate the 2nd Harley- Davidson meeting in Tavira-Algarve. Look for operations to be on all modes and bands. QSL via CT2FPE. More info to become available soon on **(QRZ.com)**.

EB8, CANARY ISLANDS

Operators Pekka/EA8AH, Juan/EA8CAC, Manuel/EA8ZS, Sal/EA5DY, Jose/EA5DFV and Jussi-Pekka/OH6RX will be active as EB8AH during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 29-30th) as a Multi/2 entry. QSL via LoTW.

FRENCH POLYNESIAN TOUR (FO, FO/A and FO/M)

Yves, F6CTL, will once again be in French Polynesia as FO/F6CTL and plans to activate some of its islands between June and July. His activity will be somewhat holiday style, mainly on SSB and the Digital modes, with some possible CW, using an IC-7000 into a vertical or wire antenna. The following islands and dates were announced:

June 19-22nd - **Ua Pou (OC-027)**; Counts for DXCC as Marquesas

June 22-26th - **Ua Huka (OC-027)**; Counts for DXCC as Marquesas
June 27-29th - **Raita (OC-067)**; Counts for DXCC as French Polynesia
June 30th-July 3rd **Bora Bora (OC-067)**; Counts for DXCC as F. Polynesia
July 3-7th - **Rangiroa (OC-066)**; Counts for DXCC as French Polynesia
July 7-10th - **Tahiti (OC-046)**; Counts for DXCC as French Polynesia
July 11-14th - **Rimatara (OC-050)**; Counts for DXCC as Austral Islands

QSL via his home callsign.

HR, HONDURAS (Update)

The "DX-World.Net" reports that "Wild Bill", N2WB, is planning to be active HR5/N2WB from Honduras between April 20th and May 4th. QSL via N2OO.

IOTA NEWS

EU-001. (Update) Members of the "DX Plus" Hellenic Amateur Radio Team will be active as SX5F from **Pharmakonisi Island** between May 14-22nd. Operators mentioned are Theodoros/SV1GRM, Sotirios/ SV1HER, George/SV1RP, Spiros/SV1RC, George/SV1QN, Giannis/ SV1GYG and Takis/SV2FWV. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via the RAAG Bureau. For more details, see Web site at:

http://www.qrz.com/db/SX5F

EU-079. Members of the QLF DX Team will be active as LA6Q from **More Og Romsdal County South IOTA Group** between April 8-11th. Operators mentioned are Bjorn/LA5UKA and Trond/LA9VDA. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL cards can be requested via E-mail to **la9vda@gmail.com**. For a direct QSL, please add 3 USDs or 1 new and stamped IRC and SAE. Send it to: Trond Johannessen, Helgedalen 13, N-1528 Moss, NORWAY. Cards without the right postage will be sent through the Bureau.

EU-094. A team of French and Belgian operators will activate a few different islands in the Glenan Island chain located in the **Bretagne (Finistere South) Region IOTA Group** as TM1G between July 27th and August 3rd. The French operators mentioned are Didier/F1LLV, Didier/F4ELJ, Jef/F6CNM, Pierre/F8DHM and Nicolas/ F8FKD. The Belgian operators mentioned are Robert/ON4LRG, Luc/ON4LUC, Nicolas/ON4VK, Janny/ON5PO, Paul/ON6DP, Pierre/ON7PC and Eric/ON7RN. The team plans to be active during the RSGB IOTA Contest (July 30-31st) from St. Nicolas Island (DIFM AT-010, FFF-200 [new one for the World Fauna and Flora Award]). After the contest, the team will split into two groups and activate a few different reference numbers for the DFCF, DIFM and ARLHS awards. While one group continues to operate from St. Nicolas Island, the second group will move to the following islands within the Glenan Island chain: Bananec Island (DIFM AT-064), Cigogne Island (DFCF 29-004, DIFM AT-061) and Penfret Island (DIFM AT-059, ARLHS FRA-047). QSL via ON6DP, by the Bureau, LoTW or e-QSL. More details and a log search are available on the **(QRZ.com)**.

EU-110. Operators Gus/IK4RQJ, Sergio/IZ4BBF, Luca/IK3AES and Alex/ 9A8AMS/IZ4AMS will be active as 9A/homecall and 9A8AMS from **Sveti Nikola** (ACIA IC-016, IOCA CI-118, MIA MC-414, ARLHS CRO-164, CLH-153, WLOTA 3152) between May 7-15th. Alex, 9A8AMS, will focus on 160/80/6 meters using all modes while the others operators will be

active on 40-10 meters using all modes. QSL via their home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. QSL 9A8AMS via the address on **(QRZ.com)**.

OC-195. (Op Postponed!) The late March operation to **Deal Island** as VK7DI had to be postponed due to high seas (which caused some delays and some of the crew had work commitments looming making the time line too tight to attempt to continue the expedition).

ISWL CELEBRATES 65! (Special Event)

The International Short Wave League (ISWL) is celebrating its 65th anniversary in 2011. Look for the following special event stations to be on the air:

GB65ISWL - Will be on the air for the weekend of April 16-17th. Activity will start around 1800 hours on Friday, April 15th. Modes will be SSB and the PSK modes. Main operator will be Herbie, G6XOU.

PC65ISWL - Fred, PA0FAW, will operate as PC65ISWL between May 1-28th. Activity will be mainly on the Digital modes and CW, with some SSB from his home QTH, but most SSB will be from WFF-PA-005. Fred will apply for a new EPC-number for this callsign.

QSL information for both callsigns will be on QRZ.com. All ISWL QSL info is available on

www.iswl.org.uk or www.qrz.com or via www.eQSL.cc

JD1, OGASAWARA (Update)

Operators Makoto/JI5RPT (JD1BLY), Harry/JG7PSJ (JD1BMH) and Masaru/JE4SMQ (JD1BMT) are scheduled once again to be active from **Chichijima Island (AS-031)**, Ogasawara, between April 30th and May 13th. Look for the operators during the following dates:
JD1BLY: April 30th to May 7th
JD1BMT: April 30th to May 4th
JD1BMH: May 4-13th

Activity will be on 160-6 meters and the Satellites, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. No 6m EME. QSL via their home callsigns. Check **(QRZ.com)** for QSL info. A logsearch will be available on the operators' Web site:

JD1BLY: http://www.ji5rpt.com/jd1/
JD1BMH: http://sapphire.es.tohoku.ac.jp/jd1bmh/
JD1BMT: http://homepage3.nifty.com/maaberu/logsjd1/logsearch.html

They also will use Twitter to inform stations of their real time activities at:

JD1BLY: http://twitter.com/jd1bly
JD1BMH: http://twitter.com/jd1bmh

JW, SVALBARD

Morten, LA9DFA, will be active as JW9DFA from **Spitsbergen (EU-026)** between September 14-19th. Activity will be on the HF bands and possibly 6 meters using mainly CW with some SSB and RTTY. He also plans to be active during the Scandinavian Activity CW Contest

(September 17-18th) as JW3C. QSL both callsigns via LA9DFA.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (April 4-10th)

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Apr  04    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
Apr  05    AN          --------------------
Apr  06    AN          BN - Below Normal
Apr  07    AN          AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
Apr  08    AN          LN - Low Normal
Apr  09    AN          HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
Apr  10    AN          DIS  - Disturbed
                       VDIS - Very Disturbed

  GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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  QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
          0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
  UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
          7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less
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KH7, HAWAII

Mike, KH6ND, will be active as KH7X from Radio Pupukea (KH6YY) during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/ All-Band entry. QSL via K2PF.

KP4, PUERTO RICO (Special Event)

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of the First Man in Space (Russian pilot Yuri Gagarin who in April 12, 1961, was the first human being to go into space on an 108 minute flight), and the first flight of the Space Shuttle Columbia (Sunday morning on April 12th, 1981, known as mission STS-1, opening what is called the Shuttle era), look for special event station, N4S, to be on the air in remembrance of these two events: One which changed the course of history, and the other helped expand our knowledge of the space sciences and in the construction of the International Space Station (ISS). The special event will be active on the HF bands, 80-10 meters on SSB. The KP4IA-R (145.370 MHz) and the simplex frequency 147.480 MHz will be used for local contacts in Puerto Rico. A special electronic certificate will be issued for this occasion. For information go to

www.qrz.com/db/wp3gw

or write to **wp3gw@arrl.net** . They also want to remind everyone that the Arissat-1 satellite inside the ISS will be activated that same day and will send voice messages and Slow Scan TV images, plus CW and data from the new PSK1000 mode on the frequency 145.950 MHz. For more info go to

www.amsat.org and www.arisat1.org

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

The "DX-World.Net" reports that Tim, KD5SSF, is now in Ukarumpa, PNG, as an American volunteering for a of couple years as an electronics technician with a translation and literacy organization. Tim has a license to operate as P29ZL and is currently getting his station set up. He mentions, "I work Monday through Friday, so my Amateur Radio activity will be restricted to evenings and Saturday/Sunday. My wife and I have other interests, so we do not spend all our spare time on the radio. My modes will be PSK31 and SSB. My radio is capable of maximum power of 100 W. I am just now getting my antennas up. I will be operating using

inverted V antennas. I will be here for a while, so I am not hurrying about setting things up. I plan to try out a makeshift 20m antenna later today, and eventually put up a multi-band with 10, 15, 20, and 40 m." Going through the DXCluster spots, no QSNs have been reported yet on Tim.

PP0T, TRINDADE ISLAND

Members of the Cantareira DX Group are in the planning stages of a DXpedition to Trindade Island (SA-010) sometime this year. Specific dates have not been mentioned, but the callsign PP0T has been announced. Junior, PY2ZA, states on QRZ.com, "I'm looking for sponsors to help the DXpedition. There is the possibility of a long period of activity. We also need equipment for installation of a beacon on the island." He also mentions that if they don't find sponsors, there will not be a DXpedition. Trindade Island is ranked number 53 on the "DX Magazine's 2010 Most Wanted List". If interested in sponsoring this DXpedition, please contact Junior, PY2ZA, at: **py2za@ig.com.br** For updates, watch:

http://www.cantareiradx.org

QSL INFO AND NEWS

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QSL-INFO from DB0SDX (dated April 3rd)
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3V1A via YT1AD            HB0/SP7VC via SP7VC    PV7M via PT7ZT
3Z100MSC via SP8AQA       HG200LST via HA5GY     PX2V via PY2KJ
4J0LH via 4J5T            II5P via IZ5ICH        PY5/SP7ASZ via SP7ASZ
5F6SIA via G5XW           IO4C via IZ4DPV        R1961G via RV3LZ
5M2TT via I2YSB           IQ1RY via IK1HXN       RG50D via UA3FA
5P3A via OZ3ABE           IR3Y via IZ3EOU        RG50K via RW4HB
5W1SA via JH7OHF          IR4C via IZ4NIC        SI3A via SM3LIV
5X1VJ via UV5EVJ          IR4X via I4EAT         SN2B via SP2PI
7S0X via SM0MDG           J45PO via ON4PO        SN3S via SQ3LVO
A6/DL9WVM via DL9WVM      JW/F8DVD via F8DVD     SO1TH via DF6TH
A61K via EA7FTR           KP2TM via AI4U         SO100MSC via SP2FAP
A71BX via EA7FTR          LT1F via EA5KB         SV0XCC/9 via LZ1YE
CA3KHZ via EA5KB          LZ1802PLO via LZ1KZA   SZ3P via SV3DCX
CD5546 via EA7AQL (eQSL)  MW5A via G3TXF         TC3C via TA3HM
CE4CT via EA5KB           OG0Z via W0MM          TL8CG via IK1APO
CR3A via CS3MAD           OH10X via OH2BH        UP2L via UA9AB
EA6/DL5NUA via DL5NUA     OK6Y via OK2PTZ      UP9L via RW6HS (direct only)
ED2C via EA2RCF           OK7Y via OK1FDY        US1I via RV3DHC
ED2T via EA2ASY          OL4A via OK1DSX  XU7ACY via W2EN (direct/preferred)
ED5K via EA5RKB           OL8W via OK2BGW        XV2W via W6NWS
ED5RC via EA5RC           OL2011VP via OK1DRQ    YI9NS via W3HNK
EE3EA via EA3HIF          OM5M via OM2RA         YM7KA via TA7KA
EE3T via EA3DTD           OT5A via ON7LR         YP7P via YO7LFV
EE5F via EA5GI            OU5A via YT2T          YT8A via YU1EA
EF2F via EA2DNR           P29VCX via SM6CVX      YU5R via YU1ARC
EF7V via EA7HHV           PA/F8FFV via F8FFV     ZP9EH via K5WW
EI4VXX via UA1OMX         PI4W via PA8F          ZW4O via PY4OG
EI7M via EI6HB            PR5B via PY2BW         ZW5B via K3IRV
EO3Q via UR3QCW           PT5O via PP5KR         ZW8T via PS8HF
EW6GF via DL8KAC          PT6TS via PY6KY        ZX5ZZ via PY5PDC
FR/F5PLC via F5PLC        PV2P via PY2DY
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KP1 LOGS NOW AVAILABLE. Jun, OE1ZKC/JH4RHF/KH2S, one of the members of the

1993 Navassa DXpedition team, reported this past week that he believes he now has all of the logs of the 1993 Navassa DXpedition in hand. He is now ready to confirm any of the QSOs made by Navassa 93. If you still need to confirm QSOs with Navassa 93 DXpedition, namely W6IJU/KP1, NF6S/KP1, KH2S/KP1, KH2W/KP1 and KH2Y/KP1, by paper QSL, kindly send him your QSL (or QSO data) with SASE to his OE address (OE1ZKC address in QRZ.com) or at: Jun Tanaka, Box 1200, Vienna, A-1400 Austria. Meanwhile, Jun will try to put all of the log data into an electric format and upload to LoTW. He will also circulate the set of electric log data to all of the team members and they will also be able to confirm their contacts if they want.

NO8DX/20 QSL STATUS. The QSL cards for the special event are now being sent out. However, it hard to believe that there are still individuals who do not send SASE (Where is the Elmering for these people?). Sad to say, these QSLs will be moved to the back of the pack and mailed after all others. A special thanks to those who sent a little extra, those who did not send postage will still receive their cards in the mail.

SU1SK QSL CARDS. Hawk, SM5AQD, informs OPDX reader, "I am Said's QSL Manager. I only COLLECT his QSL cards and further the QSL information to Said via the InterNet. I have NO LOGS and NO QSL cards. Said himself is sending out QSL cards from Cairo, Egypt, after receiving my inform- ation. I do this service only because Said is a very old and nice friend, on the other hand it gives you a chance to get a QSL card from SU land. I am very sorry but a QSL card via bureau is impossible to arrange for me and him. Please follow my information on **(QRZ.com)**
GD DX 73 / Hawk SM5AQD"

QSL RECEIVED VIA LoTW: 6W7SK, 8P5A, 9K2HN, A45XR, CR3A, DL1TS, EA1DLU, EA1DR, EA8CN, EW7KF, EW8A, F6HKA, F8BJI, F8CMF, FY5LH, HH4/AF4Z, HH4/K4QD, HH8/N3BNA, HI8LAM, HQ2GL, HQ2W, KH2L, OE3GCU, OM4DW, OQ5M, OX3XR, P49A, PJ2/W5FKX, PV8ADI, RU3EQ, SP3DOI, T77C, TF4M, UA6GP, V4/K5MV, V44KA, V55DLH, VK4CMVI, VP2E, VP2MXF, VP5/VE3OP, VK4MA, XE2WWW, XE83IARU, YV1DIG, ZF2LC and ZL1BYZ

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 4S7KKG, 5H3EE, 5R8X, 9Q50ON, A25DF, A35KL, A45XR, BV100, C31CT, C6AVD, CE1/K7CA, CR2X, EA1DR, F6HKA, FG/DL1CW, FJ/SM5FUG, HA3NU, HH4/K4QD, LY100SP, LY50A, NP2Q, OE3GCU, OH2BH, OH0B/OH0X, OJ0B, OY1CT, PA1CC, PJ4G, SP3DOI, T77C, TG9AHM, TT8DX, V44KA, VP9/W6PH, YJ0HA, YL3FX, YN7SU, YV5MSG, Z29KM, Z37M, ZD9T, ZL1BYZ and ZL8X

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: NONE REPORTED THIS WEEK!

S7, SEYCHELLES

Operators Norbert/F6AXX, Romain/F8DSI and Bernard/F5HEW, active as S79UFT from Mahe, Seychelles Islands (AF-024), will continue to be on the air until April 15th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW and some PSK. Suggested CW frequencies are: 3524, 7013, 10115, 14025, 18083, 21025, 24903 and 28025 kHz. PSK will be on the usual PSK fre- quencies. QSL via F6AXX, direct **(QRZ.com)** or by the French REF-Union Bureau. An online log is now available at:

http://www.uft.net/1-s79/searchlog_adif.php

SV5, DODECANESE (Correction)

John, N5ER, will be active as SV5/N5ER between May 15-20th, 2012 (not this year as reported). Activity will be holiday style, mainly on the lower bands in the evening and early mornings. Also, 20 meters and lower will be CW only. QSL via N5ER.

T31, CENTRAL KIRIBATI (Update)

An international team will activate T31A from **Kanton Island (OC-043)** between April 17-28th. See OPDX.994 for more details. The latest update states, "Three team members will arrive in Apia on April 6th, to inspect the equipment shipped from California and operate from 5W as time allows. The team will leave Apia on April 13th, and sail approximately 4 days. Upon arrival at Kanton, we'll set up 2 sites and begin operation. We plan 11-12 days of operation. We'll depart Kanton and arrive back in Apia on May 2nd." The T31A Web page is available at:

http://www.T31A.com

T8, PALAU

Operators Masumi/JA3AVO (T88MB), Hiro/JH3PBL (T88MP) and Shota/W7AED (T88SR) will be active from **Palau (OC-009)** between July 20-24th. Their activity of bands and modes were not provided. QSL T88MB and T88SR via LoTW or direct to JA3AVO. QSL T88MP via JH3PBL.

TC2, TURKEY (Special Event)

Members of the Turkish group called TCSWAT (Special Wireless Activity Team), in collaboration with the Giresun Radio Amateurs and Nature Sports Club (GITRAD) and the TRAC Giresun Branch, will be operating as TC2J, between April 7-10th, to commemorate the 5th anniversary of S. Fazil Turkan, TA2J (1950-2006), becoming SK. He was noted as a knowledgeable/experienced elmer and a keen CW operator (see TC2J on **(QRZ.com)** for more info). Activity will be on HF/VHF/UHF bands with an award to be available at the end. An award will be issued to those who contact this station in a minimum of three different bands or modes. The award will be issued in PDF format in electronic medium. Please send your log extract, together with your E-mail address to **ta1hz@tcswat.org** if you are eligible (no need to send in any IRC or GSs). Award info is available at:

http://www.tcswat.org/awards/TA2J_2011/index.html

TO8, MARTINIQUE

Valeriy, R5GA/KM8W, will be active as TO8A from **Martinique (NA-107)** during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Single-Op/All- Band/High-Power entry. He will be operating from the QTH of Laurent, FM5BH.

V3, BELIZE (He is Back!)

Your editor received an E-mail from a long time friend Joe, K8JP, who he has not heard from in 3 years. Joe informs OPDX,

> "I am finally getting back on the air after 3 years of QRT. I lost my house down here to a fire and everything in it. Then 3 weeks later, someone broke into my house in Indiana and cleaned me out. Fortunately, good friends in the FOC helped

> me, and I now have an IC-765 down here in Belize and an OMNI 6 in Texas at my daughter's place when I go up there to go to the VA hospital in Shreveport, LA, for medical check ups and treatments. So, I am active on 80 through 10 meters now, mainly CW, with this modest station."

Joe states that he is only using 100 watts and dipoles at 30 feet/10 meters, but he is only 100 meters from the sea and that helps. He mentions,

> "My biggest handicap now is a bad noise on the lower bands, but I am working on a cure for the noise."

QSL via KA9WON.
Searching the DXCluster, Joe has been active on 30/20/17/12 meters CW.

ADDED NOTE: Joe states that he will not be able to make Dayton this year, but he will try and make next year. (ed. Good to have you back Joe!)

V6, MICRONESIA

Operators Sho/JA7HMZ (V63DX), Takao/JA7AGO (V63GO) and Akio/JA7ZP (V63ZP) will be active from Pohnpei Island (OC-010) between May 22-28th. Activity will be on all bands and modes. QSL via their home callsigns.
LATEST MINUTE UPDATE: DXpedition is cancelled. No reason given.

VU4, ANDAMAN ISLANDS (Update)

Members of the Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI) active as VU4PB from Port Blair went QRT at 1829z on March 31st. The team was expected to return to the mainland on April 2nd. Their last press release states,

> "As earlier reported we have had several instances of pirate operators masquerading as VU4PB which has spoilt the fun for numerous DXers, a real pity and one is not sure what joy it brings to those 'radio amateurs' who indulge in such activities."

Remember to QSL via W3HNK. The VU4PB does have an "Online QSL Request System" (OQRS) available at:

http://arsi.info/dxpeditions/vu4pb-mar-2011/oqrs-vu4pb

Any QSL cards received via any IARU recognized QSL Bureau will be answered in due course of time. An online log search is available at:

http://arsi.info/dxpeditions/vu4pb-mar-2011/log-search

For more details and updates, visit the VU4PB Web apge at:

http://arsi.info/dxpeditions/vu4pb-mar-2011

XV9, VIETNAM

Ken, JA2LLK, will be active as XV9LL from the Hotel Nikko in Hanoi starting at the end of April. Specific dates and length of stay were not provided. Activity will be on the HF bands. QSL via his home callsign.

YN, NICARAGUA

Operators Bob/N5ET (YN2ET), Keith/NM5G (YN2MG) and Eddy/ K5WQG (YN2ER) will be active as YN2ET during the CQWW WPX CW Contest (May 28-29th) as a Multi-Single entry. Look for activity by the operators outside of the contest. QSL all callsigns via N5ET. QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW after the operation is finished.

ZA, ALBANIA

Franck, F4DTO, will once again be active as ZA/F4DTO from Elbasan between now and April 16th. Activity will be mostly SSB on 40-10 meters. He will use 100 watts into monoband antennas. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the REF Bureau. Visit Franck's Web page at:

http://monsite.orange.fr/f4dto

ZD8, ASCENSION ISLAND

Mike, M0PRL, who was recently active from Rothera Station in the Antarctica as VP8DMH, is expected to be active this week as ZD8PRL from Garden Cottage on Ascension Island for about a week before heading back to the UK. QSL ZD8PRL via M0PRL. For updates, watch Mike's Twitter page at:

http://twitter.com/#!/VP8DMH

ZS8, MARION ISLAND (Update)

Pierre, ZS1HF/ZS8M, reports in his latest and final newletter from Marion Island: "Sadly, the 'ZS8M Dxpedition' has come to an end and we are now busy packing our belongings into containers. Sadly I was not able to work everyone, simply being restricted to a dipole (which worked extremely well), weak propagation conditions and restricted operating hours. Sadly as well, I was not able to test my SteppIR vertical due to the construction that took place, as well as the severe RFI in the new base. Will I return? I am not sure, but I will be keeping this callsign just in case I do get the chance again.

I would be keen to do a trip to Gough Island, but it would be better if Louise could spend the year there with me. We need to discus this prospect. Who knows?" He also mentions,

"Our supply ship, SA Agulhas, will be arriving on 11 April with the new team and... yes, there are two hams on the new team.... sadly they are NOT active. The new base will have a state of the art commercial Icom HF communications system which I specified and installed. The antenna system is a professional broadband dipole with very good specifications, so whoever operates from here in the future will be able to operate with ease."

His complete newsletter (with pictures) can be found online at:

http://www.iz8epy.it/html/zs8m.html

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